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SUBJ USG RETALIATION ON GOC BEEF IMPORT QUOTAS

1. RECENT CANADIAN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF POSSIBLE USG  
RETALIATION ON IMPORTS CANADIAN BEEF AND CATTLE HAVE  
SPARKED QUERIES IN PARLIAMENT.

2. VARIOUS CANADIAN PRESS ARTICLES CITING HIGH U.S.  
OFFICIAL, SAY USG HAS DECIDED TO RETALIATE IN KIND  
AGAINST IMPOSITION BY CANADA OF QUOTAS LIMITING IMPORTS  
OF U.S. CATTLE AND BEEF. ACTION EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED  
BY USG WITHIN WEEK WITH ONLY METHOD AND EXTENT OF  
RETALIATION REMAINING TO BE DECIDED IN DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY  
IN WHITE HOUSE, STATE AND USDA.

3. CITING PRESS REPORTS, BERT HARGRAVE, MP, MEDICINE  
HAT, ALBERTA, OCTOBER 2, QUERIED MINAG WHELAN IN  
PARLIAMENT QUOTE IN VIEW OF THE VERY REAL POSSIBILITY  
THAT CANADA'S CALF CROP WILL NOT FIND ADEQUATE HOMES  
IN FEED LOTS IN WESTERN CANADA AND ONTARIO AND MAY HAVE  
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TO GO TO UNITED STATES, DOES THE MINISTER (WHELAN) NOT

FEEL THERE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS TO FORESTALL TRADE WARS OVER QUOTAS WITH THE UNITED STATES? UNQUOTE WHELAN RESPONDED QUOTE WE ARE WELL AWARE OF WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE US IS GOING TO DO ANYTHING. THIS IS A PRESS REPORT. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT ACTION THEY WILL TAKE. WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE. THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION. UNQUOTE

4. ON OCTOBER 3, SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT DURING DEBATE ON THRONE SPEECH WHELAN SAID HE WILL ASK COMMONS TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF CANADA'S BEEF INDUSTRY. HE SAID BEEF SECTOR OF ECONOMY IS IN CHAOTIC CONDITION AND HE WILL ASK COMMONS TO IDENTIFY INDUSTRY'S PROBLEM AND OUTLINE MEASURES TO SOLVE THEM. ON OCTOBER 2 HE TOLD COMMONS QUOTE OUR AUTHORITIES ARE MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES ON MONDAY THIS WEEK (OCTOBER 7) TO CONSIDER THE PLIGHT THAT THE NATION'S BEEF PRODUCERS FIND THEMSELVES IN. AFTER THAT MEETING WE WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION TO KNOW JUST WHAT, IF ANYTHING, WILL BE DONE. UNQUOTE PORTER

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